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The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 30 and 31 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Statement

Health is central to development. That was made clear to the world as three of the eight Millennium Development Goals were developed to be directly related to health, and as stated in the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development “sustainable development can only be achieved in the absence of a high prevalence of debilitating communicable and non-communicable diseases”.

To successfully manage the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the sustainable development goals, health for all people, not just a privileged few, must continue to be a global priority. This can only happen if the sustainable development goals are truly inclusive and relevant for all, including persons with disabilities and non-communicable diseases.

Recognizing that persons with disabilities make up 15% of the world's population, and that the outcome document of the United Nations High-Level Meeting on Disability held in September 2013 calls for a disability-inclusive development agenda post-2015, we request attention on the inclusion and equitable representation of all people with disabilities from all regions of the world. Disability needs to be included in the targets and indicators for Goal 1 (eradication of poverty) and Goal 3 (health) of the proposed sustainable development goals. Without due attention to persons with disabilities, the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the sustainable development goals will not be inclusive.

Recognizing that psoriasis is a disabling non-communicable disease, the International Federation of Psoriasis Associations requests Member States to ensure that no person is left out in the transition to sustainable development goals, including persons with disabilities and persons with non-communicable diseases — especially within target 3.8 on universal health coverage. As stated in the World Health Organization resolution WHA67.9, psoriasis is a chronic, non-communicable, painful, disfiguring, and disabling disease for which there is no cure. The world we want is where no one, including people with psoriasis, gets left behind and therefore we request that Member States have an inclusive and holistic approach to health and disability, to ensure a successful transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the sustainable development goals.
